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Population Growth
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(a) whether the Government is aware that as per a report, the population of the country is likely to cross that of China by the year 2030 and if so, the details thereof and the reasons for excessive increase in the population of the country;

(b) the funds allocated for population control during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise and the contribution of the United Nations Population Fund therein;

(c) the target for curbing population growth set by the Government;

(d) the State-wise details of the growth in population during the last five years; and

(e) whether the Government proposes to implement the scheme of imposing a ceiling of two children to curb the population growth rate in the country and if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(ANUPRIYA PATEL)
(a): Yes, the Government is aware that as per a report, the population of the country is likely to cross that of China by the year 2030. Although as per Census 2011, the decadal growth rate of India has declined substantially by 4% in 2001-2011 as compared to 1991-2001, the population increase is on account of population momentum.
(b): The funds allocated to the States/UTs by Government of India during the last three years and the current year for family planning are at Annex-I. The details of the funds contributed by UNFPA are at Annexe-2.

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(c): There is no target set by the Government for curbing population growth.

d): State-wise details of population growth during the last five years are not available as the census is conducted on a decennial basis in the year ending '1'. The last census was conducted by Office of the Registrar General, India (RGI) in 2011 and the previous one in 2001.

(e): No Sir. The government does not propose to implement the scheme imposing a ceiling of two children since India is a signatory to the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD 1994) which advocates couples to decide the size of their family and adopt the family planning methods best suited to them in a voluntary manner as per their reproductive rights.

Moreover the wanted fertility rate in the country as per NFHS III is 1.9 which indicates that couples on an average do not desire to have more than two children.
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